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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER ON U.S. ECONOMY

1. CANADA-UNITED STATES COMMITTEE WHICH IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE U.S. WILL HOLD ITS NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING IN OTTAWA OCTOBER 22-24. ORGANIZERS OF THE MEETING HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING QUALIFIED USG OFFICIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN PANEL DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 22 AT 3:30 P.M. SUBJECT WILL BE "ECONOMIC REVIEW AND FORECAST". PANEL WILL CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS: K.A. WHITE, PRESIDENT OF ROYAL TRUST OF CANADA, AND ROBERT MATHIESON, VICE-PRESIDENT, LIONEL D. EDIE, NEW YORK, WILL PRESENT PAPERS ON CANADIAN AND U.S. ECONOMIES RESPECTIVELY. SIMON REISMAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE, WILL THEN COMMENT ON PAPER ON CANADIAN ECONOMY PRESENTED BY WHITE AND FOURTH PANELIST WILL COMMENT ON PAPER ON U.S. ECONOMY PRESENTED BY MATHIESON BEFORE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR QUESTIONS TO PANELISTS. COMMENTATORS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PAPERS IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO PREPARE COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE AS LENGTHY AS COMMENTATOR WISHES BUT PROBABLY WOULD BEST BE HELD TO ABOUT 20 MINUTES. SESSION WILL BE CLOSED TO PRESS. AUDIENCE WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 45-50

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LEADING CANADIAN AND U.S. BUSINESSMEN, SPLIT

ROUGHLY HALF AND HALF BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONALITIES.
IN SUM WHAT IS REQUIRED IS AN AMERICAN WHO IS
KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. ECONOMY AND ADMINISTRATION'S
ECONOMIC POLICY AND CAN ACT AS COUNTERPART TO
SIMON REISMAN.

2. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT/USIA CAN RESPOND
POSITIVELY. MEETING WILL PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY
TO OBTAIN UNDERSTANDING BY KEY TARGET AUDIENCE OF
ADMINISTRATION POLICY AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE
IN OUR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

3. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME BEFORE MEETING AND NEED
FOR ORGANIZERS TO FIND ALTERNATIVE IF USG CANNOT
SUPPLY PANELIST, REQUEST REPLY ASAP.
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